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House Bill 182

By: Representatives Austin of the 10th, Scott of the 2nd, Jerguson of the 22nd, Williams of the 178th, Horne of the 71st, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend Code Section 16-11-173 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
- 2 preemption of local regulation and lawsuits, so as to provide that no county or municipality
- 3 shall impose any limitation or prohibition on the discharge of firearms that is applicable to
- 4 tracts of property of five or more acres located within such municipality or county; to provide
- 5 for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
- 6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 SECTION 1.

- 9 Code Section 16-11-173 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preemption
- of local regulation and lawsuits, is amended by revising subsection (e) as follows:
- 11 "(e) Nothing contained in this Code section shall prohibit municipalities or counties, by
- ordinance, resolution, or other enactment, from reasonably limiting or prohibiting the
- discharge of firearms within the boundaries of the municipal corporation or county;
- provided, however, that no ordinance, resolution, or other enactment by a municipality or
- county shall apply to the discharge of firearms on tracts of property consisting of five or
- more acres located in such municipality or county."
- 17 SECTION 2.
- 18 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
- 19 without such approval.
- SECTION 3.
- 21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.